

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
DIGEST FOR EHB 1387**

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-16; IC 10-17.

**Synopsis:** Veterans' affairs. Conference committee report for EHB 1387. Creates the Indiana Funeral Honors Ribbon to be awarded to members and retired members of the Indiana Air National Guard and the Indiana Army National Guard and members of veterans' organizations who: (1) are trained and certified for; and (2) provide honorable and distinguished service in; the performance of military funerals and similar activities within Indiana. Provides that county and city service officers must be certified by the Indiana department of veterans' affairs (department). Requires the veterans' affairs commission to: (1) establish standards for certification of county and city service officers; and (2) establish and administer a written examination for renewal of the certification of county and city service officers. Requires a county or city service officer to obtain certification from the department within 30 days after becoming employed as a service officer. Requires a new county or city service officer, within one year after becoming employed as a service officer, to attend a course and become accredited to represent veterans. Requires a county or city service officer employed prior to July 1, 2013, to attend a course and become accredited to represent veterans by July 1, 2015. Requires the veterans' affairs commission to administer a grant program to reimburse service officers for training expenses and to reimburse counties and cities employing service officers for computer equipment and software. Transfers \$180,000 from the veterans' affairs trust fund to the military family relief fund. Appropriates the \$180,000 for the grant program. Provides that funding the grants is a purpose of the military family relief fund. **(This conference committee report removes language concerning awarding Indiana Funeral Honors Ribbons to members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations and adds language to award the Indiana Funeral Honors Ribbons to members of veterans' organizations who have been trained and certified by the United States Department of Defense as Department of Defense Funeral Honors participants.)**

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2013.

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**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1387 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the House recede from its dissent from all Senate amendments and that the House now concur in all Senate amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1       Page 4, line 4, delete "the American Legion and the Veterans of
- 2       Foreign" and insert "**veterans**".
- 3       Page 4, line 5, delete "Wars".  
(Reference is to EHB 1387 as printed March 13, 2013.)

**Conference Committee Report**  
**on**  
**Engrossed House Bill 1387**

**S**igned by:

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Representative Speedy  
Chairperson

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Senator Wyss

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Senator Arnold J

**House Conferees**

**Senate Conferees**